

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1) VOTED to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee held on October 8, 2009 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

2) VOTED to open consideration and action on proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Animals

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

The latest proposed amendments to the ordinance were reviewed. There was discussion of a resolution requesting special legislation to increase fees beyond what state law allows.

VOTED to recommend forward to the full Council for consideration and passage.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

VOTED to forward resolution to Town Council

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

3) VOTED to open correspondence from Councilor Kevin D. Heitke regarding his proposal to consider amendments to the tax exemption/credit ordinance(s).

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor

Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. Councilor Margaret L. Dudley recused.

Note: Councilor Margaret L. Dudley recused.

Mr. Heitke explained that under the current ordinance, if a resident with a senior exemption sells one property in Burrillville to buy another, he must re-establish the 5-year residency before he is again eligible for a senior exemption. He also explained that currently the veterans' exemption does not apply to multi-family properties.

VOTED to refer to the administration and solicitor for further study of potential changes to the existing legislation with the vision that we would be willing to give the exemption as to continuity of residency and multi-family homes.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. Councilor Margaret L. Dudley recused.

4) VOTED to open consideration and discussion related to procedures for sale of surplus land.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

Town Manager Michael C. Wood explained that the charter currently allows for flexibility but a formalized policy can be put in place to sell property owned by the town.

VOTED to refer to the administration for their recommendations.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

**5) Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings:
Codification of ordinances**

6) VOTED to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors

Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

The meeting was recorded.

Christine Mulligan, Administrative Aide